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Sir:

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

In reply to the Final Office Action dated April 23, 2002, the period for responding to which has been extended two months to September 23, 2002, by the petition and fee filed herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, Applicants respectfully request that this application be amended as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 57 and 58, and add claim 59 as follows:

57. (Amended)    The method according to claim 56, wherein said support member has a suction hole connected to a vacuum source, so that the workpiece is attracted to said support member when said transferring device is moved toward said workpiece.

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